

Not For Confederation

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Certain of your correspondents have asked why I have returned to this country, and whom I represent in the Assembly. The first question is a fair one, the second an impertinence.

I have returned because it was being insinuated that I had been "removed" from public life here by further the ends of certain "interests" and it seemed to me that to take my place in the Assembly as an Independent Member was the best way to show that I had not been "removed", that I could do as I pleased, and that no "interests" fettered my freedom. In returning I have sacrificed a salary of several thousand dollars per year, as consulting editor of Law Reports published in Toronto. I feel rather sore, therefore, at the unkind and unwelcome attacks already made upon me.

"Democrat" writing in your number dated the 14th inst., quotes a speech made by me in the Assembly, on the 6th of April, 1916, when I was saying farewell, in which these words occur: "I shall come back if and when I am needed." My presence here is a fulfilment of that pledge; the need is apparent to me, and to many others, I hope.

Your correspondent seeks to arouse antagonism to me, by insinuating that I am here to promote Confederation with Canada. I wish to say that I have not even so much as discussed the question, directly or indirectly, with any living person, since I left here early in 1916. I was not before that time in any manner connected with the negotiations which are referred to in Sir W. D. Reid's famous letter to Lord Shaftesbury.

In this connection I wish to reply to "Democrat's" statement that Sir W. D. Reid said "he brought about the retirement of A. B. Morine from politics to smooth the way for coalition." What he did say was this:

"After I had completed my negotiations at Ottawa, I found that the stumbling block in the way of Confederation was the presence of A. B. Morine in Newfoundland. The question was, how to destroy the influence which Mr. Morine's presence there exerted on the Confederation movement. It took time and it took engineering, and it took the exercise of tact and discretion to effect it, but ultimately I did succeed in arranging for Mr. Morine's removal from Newfoundland to Toronto."

I take the meaning of that quotation to be that my outspoken advocacy of Confederation for many years made me an object of public suspicion, which it was desirable to avoid by getting me out of the way. Perhaps it also meant that I was objected to by men who but for me would favour Confederation, and enter a Coalition to promote it on the terms laid down by Sir W. D. Reid. It may also have

meant that it was known that I would not consent to or support Confederation on terms which would have the effect of decreasing the yearly subsidy which this Country would otherwise receive from Canada. I had so stated to certain public men here.

It seems to me, Sir, that I am the very last public man of whom anti-confederates need be afraid. I have not made a secret of my views on this question in the past, but have openly favoured Union on good terms, on the ground that it would be greatly for the benefit of most of the people. If there be any danger of false play towards the people, it does not come from those who openly and boldly express themselves.

Far from being here now to promote Confederation, I am no longer convinced that it would be for the good of the Country to become a part of Canada. The racial problem raised by the attitude of Quebec since the Great War began, and by the language question, gives me reason to doubt where I had no doubt before, and the financial situation of Canada and Newfoundland has so altered in four years, that good terms may not be procurable. I am not prepared to give my voice for Union until and unless the most painstaking consideration of all the surrounding facts make it clear beyond reasonable doubt that it is for the good and lasting advantage of this Country.

In fact, Sir, I can no longer be styled a Confederate; I am to-day, on this as on all other public questions, an Independent. The reason for this apparent change will be satisfactory to all intelligent men—before 1916 I thought that the terms of Union would undoubtedly be good, now I fear they would undoubtedly be bad, or at least much worse than they would have been earlier; and I adopt the Mis-souri attitude—"Show me." The unbridled extravagance of this Country, and the tremendous expenditures of Canada, having entirely changed the situation, and no man can predict what that situation will be from day to day.

In advocating Confederation in days gone by, I have argued that terms should be made when Newfoundland's position was such that she could drive a hard bargain in her own behalf, and that to wait for the almost inevitable hard times was folly. I should dislike to confess that hard times have come, but it will not be denied that there are not good times to bargain about Union. This Country should set itself to solve its own pressing problems, with a determination to win out, and as a first step may I suggest that old crises, old antagonisms, old party and personal lines should be forgotten, and men come together resolved to consider all difficulties with intelligence for the common good.

"Democrat's" letter to you concludes with the counsel "Watch him," I join in that request. I ask that the people "Watch me," and judge me by what they see, not by what ancient enemies and jealous rivals say. Watch me with fairness and intelligence.

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Yours truly,
ALFRED B. MORINE.

May 16th, 1918.

Militia Department
Should Know.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—During the past month or so, several men have been rejected for the Army. They did not receive a badge but were told these would be sent them, as there were none on hand at that time. It is now reported that no more badges are to be given out. Is this report true?

Yours,
REJECTED.

May 16th, 1918.

No Defence Whatever.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, "Front Soil," in last evening's Telegram, is all at sea. His letter has very little, or no bearing, on the points under discussion. He admits the correctness of my statement "that a strong political complexion is being given this Association," in the following words:

"It would appear that a strong attempt is being made to force the R.S. and R.V. Association into the political arena by certain politicians and their supporters, some of whom have only lately become converted (?) to the principle of Selective Conscription, and perhaps even to their patriotic duty."

As regards the politicians, who "have only recently been converted (?) to the principle of Selective Conscription," I suppose he refers to Mr. Coaker, as this gentleman, last January, in the "Evening Advocate," said to the Government "hands off the fishermen." However this and other kindred matters have no direct bearing on the case.

The main points in the case are as follows:

(1) Why did Mr. Harold Mitchell, and his associates, call a special meeting, and pass Resolutions commending the Government for suppressing the "Plaindealer" and create an agitation for the arrest of the editor of that paper?

(2) Why were these resolutions published exclusively in Mr. Coaker's paper, the "Evening Advocate," and not sent to the other papers for publication?

(3) Who suggested to the soldiers the idea of meeting and passing these Resolutions and was the full body present when this was done?

(4) Why the same spirit of hostility was not shown Mr. Coaker by the Soldiers' when his treachery towards the Conscription Act, the Country and the Regiment was made public in the city press?

(5) If the R. S. and R. V. Association will make a public announcement as to why they concealed Mr. Coaker's "peculiar epistle" (seeing that they were aware of some of its contents) before it was made public, and if the Association, as a body, sent Mr. Mitchell to interview Mr. Coaker on the matter?

(6) Why the editor of the "Plaindealer" was not interviewed by Mr. Mitchell and an explanation sought from him, instead of being hit over the head with a club, his premises closed and his business financially interfered with?

Until these points are honestly cleared up, I submit the R. S. and R. V. Association is on trial as to its being used for political purposes, and all other arguments and statements as to their aims and objects should not be admitted as evidence in the case.

With thanks for space.

Yours truly,
WHO'S WHO.

St. John's, May 16th, 1918.

Soldiers and Sailors Letters.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—I was at the Post Office this morning and heard the following from an evidently not too well-off man, posting a letter to his soldier son. "I have now to pay 3 cents for a letter to my son, one would think he was on a holiday jaunt like the Minister of Militia, instead of fighting, and probably dying for his country."

His protest is well timed; it is pettifoggery to tax the soldiers and sailors letters from home and it is worse than that to increase the tax by 50 per cent.

Yours truly,
J. E. DEMPSTER.

May 17th, 1918.

Obituary

There passed peacefully away on May 6th, at St. Joseph's, Salmonier, Terence, beloved son of William and the late Elizabeth Hayward, aged 34 years. Deceased had been ailing for the last twelve months. He had been married for the past ten years and resided at St. Joseph's, Salmonier. His wife died in January. He leaves to mourn him three children, two boys and a girl, a father, two brothers, Stephen, at home, and William, who joined the colors and is now in hospital at Liverpool, England, suffering from a wound in the left arm, and four sisters, Mrs. George Lewis and Mrs. Matthew Skyrings, both resident at Sydney, C.B., Lizzie, at Trepassy, and Nellie at home, and quite a number of cousins.—Com.

St. Vincent, May 13th, 1918.

Welcome to Pastor.

AT TORBAY.

The village of Torbay was on a fine Sunday the 12th inst. The occasion was the arrival of the new Pastor, Rev. J. Ashley, recently appointed to succeed the late Monsignor St. John. His Grace Archbishop Roche and Fr. Ashley arrived by motor at 4 p.m. and were greeted by the good people of Torbay, who turned out en masse in token of welcome. Bunting was displayed in profusion and the customary volleys of guns were fired in salute. An entertainment in honour of Father Ashley was given in the T. A. Hall by the pupils of the Presentation Convent. The performance was faultlessly rendered and was indeed the finest ever given by the school girls. An address was read by Miss Bertha Reddy, who was the scene of perfection in her delivery. After the concert, an address on behalf of the parishioners was read by Mr. Liddy. His Grace then addressed the audience, and having referred in a few touching words to the late Pastor, introduced the new Parish Priest. He briefly reviewed the work done by Father Ashley in other parts of the archdiocese, and expressed his conviction that a progressive era was dawning for Torbay. Father Ashley replied to the addresses and thanked the people for their affectionate welcome. Cheers were then given for His Grace, Father Ashley and Father Devereux, by the large audience. On Monday morning, Father Ashley, accompanied by Father Devereux, visited the boys' school, where an address and presentation was made to the new Pastor. The children of the Convent and boys' schools were subsequently given a holiday in honour of the coming of their parish priest.—Com.

Here and There.

Save all your Outside Green Wrappers from Stafford's Liniment. (See advt.)—may17,18

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—The east bound express is due to-night; the west bound express left Quarry at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Annual Garden Party at Kilbride will be held on July 17, at the aid of the Church.—may17,18

REIDS' BOATS.—The Argyle leaving Placentia to-day on bay route; the Porpoise left St. John's at 6.30 a.m. to-day, coming to Placentia; the Dundee reached Port Blandford at 5.30 a.m. to-day.

GRAND DANCES.—C. C. C. Boat Club, in aid of C. C. C. Band, June 3rd, and Mount Cashel Night, July 31st. Remember the dates.—may17,18

REX vs. DOOLEY.—The case of Rex vs. Dooley for manslaughter in which the jury disagreed on Wednesday, will be heard in the Supreme Court at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning next before a special jury.

CHEAP OYSTER STEWS.—To clear our stock of Oysters, we are serving Oyster Stews at 25c. WOOD'S West End Restaurant.—apr27,18

COLD STORAGE ON S.S. MEIGLE.—The Meigle which is now undergoing extensive alteration at the dry dock premises will have a system of cold storage installed for the purpose of conveying frozen fish from the Atlantic Fisheries Co. here to Nova Scotia where it will be distributed to Canadian and American markets. Some of the fish we understand will be re-shipped from Canada to the Old Country and to France.

The Industrial Worker will be issued to-morrow morning. Newsboys wanted at the office, Renouf Building, any time after 8 a.m. M. J. JAMES, Editor.—may17,18

CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind E. light, weather fine, a large number of schooners passed in the west this a.m.; no late news from the steamer Ethie. Bar. 29.75; ther. 45.

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The Soldiers' Association

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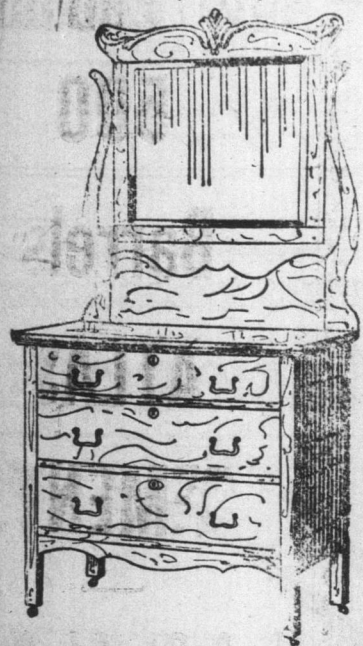
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